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SUBJECT: SOVIET CUSTOMS DUTIES PAID BY ACCREDITED U.S. FIRMS

REF: A) MOSCOW 7377

B) JUNE 4 FOLLOW-UP MEMO FROM BOWDEN TO EAST-WEST TRADE

COMMITTEE WG ON FOURTH SESSION, US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

C) MOSCOW 13065

1. AS NOTED PARA 8, REF B, U.S. SIDE INDICATED AT MAY COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING THAT HIGH SOVIET CUSTOMS DUTIES REPRESENT UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON OPERATION OF ACCREDITED U.S. FIRMS AND REQUESTED SOVIETS TO PROVIDE U.S. COMPANIES WITH LISTING OF CUSTOMS DUTIES. SOVIET SIDE (MANZHULO) SAID IT WOULD DEAL WITH CUSTOMS QUESTION ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS BUT ADDED THAT U.S. MUST PROVIDE ALL FACTS BEFORE MATTER CAN BE EXAMINED. REF B ALSO NOTES THAT COMMERCE WILL FOLLOW UP BY REQUESTING EMBASSY TO GATHER ADDITIONAL NECESSARY INFO FROM FIRMS CONCERNED AND PASS IT ON TO SOVIET SIDE.

2. WE ARE UNCERTAIN IF EMBASSY HAS ALREADY TAKEN ACTION IN
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THIS MATTER OR IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. IF LATTER, PLEASE

PROCEED AND REPORT RESULTS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COPY VIA
AIRGRAM OF YOUR SUBMISSION TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GORBUNOV OF
SOVIET SECTION OF JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION. KISSINGER

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